

The 15th Annual Grand Rapids Open an event of the Meijer State Games of Michigan

June 21-23, 2013



OVERVIEW/UPDATES: We are excited to present the 15th Annual Grand Rapids Open. Testing will be held in conjunction with the competition, testing details will be added at our website: <u>www.ggrfsc.org</u>. If you have questions about testing please contact Jenifer VanZanten (<u>vanZanten5@att.net</u>). Testing forms are due to Jenifer by June 1, 2013. Critiques will be offered for all IJS Events. More information regarding location and times will be available at the competition.

Solo Dance Series Competitors – there is now a place in online registration for you to enter your Solo Dance Series Registration Number.

MEIJER STATE GAMES OF MICHIGAN: The Grand Rapids Open is participating in the Meijer State Games of Michigan. The top three placing skaters from each state, Michigan, Ohio or Indiana, in any event will qualify for the 2015 State Games of America event. For more information about the Meijer State Games of Michigan please visit <u>www.stategamesofmichigan.org</u>. For more information about State Games of America visit <u>www.stategames.org</u>. Opening Ceremonies will be held June 21st at 7:30pm, our best efforts will be made to allow as many skaters as possible to attend but the competition schedule will take precedence.

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LOCATION: Patterson Ice Center (2 rink indoor facility with ice surfaces 200 x 100 and 200 x 85) 2250 Patterson Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

SANCTIONING: This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by US Figure Skating. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook, except as modified in this announcement or those adopted at the May 2013 meeting of the Governing Council. The programs will be skated for the 2013-2014 competitive season. The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for Juvenile/Open Juvenile-Senior Free Skating and Short Programs and Adult Gold-Masters. Chief Referee: Dr. Barry Doren, Chief Accountant: Jim Achtenberg

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET (PPCS): Competitors in IJS events are required to submit a PPCS. The PPCS is to be completed online not later than **June 8, 2013** but can be updated at no charge until June 15, 2013. Please go to <u>www.usfsaonline.org</u> and follow the instructions to complete your PPCS. For those who do not submit the PPCS by June 8, 2013, a \$25 processing fee will be incurred. Please note that any PPCS submitted by paper regardless of date, will incur the \$25 processing fee. Open Juvenile skaters should fill out the PPCS for Juvenile.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES: Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of US Figure Skating, members in good standing of the ISI (Ice Skating Institute), or unaffiliated with either organization, shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of **May 18, 2013**. Low-level flights will be divided in age groups of 8-10 skaters whenever possible. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Men and Ladies events may be combined where necessary and allowable.

For the Test Track and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (moves in the field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. **Basic Skills participants please see page 10 of announcement for more information.**

CLOSING DATE: Entries must be postmarked by **May 18, 2013**. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds after deadline unless event is cancelled. Any change to skating level or event after deadline is subject to a \$20 change fee. Medical refunds will not be given.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be online this year at <u>www.sk8stuff.com</u>. Please register online and send the voucher, forms and payment to the address on the entry form. The Registration Desk (located on the Main Level) will be open concurrent with the first practice ice session

through the end of the day's competition. Skaters must check in at least one hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS: A tentative schedule of competition events & the skater's event time(s) will made available at <u>www.ggrfsc.org</u> and <u>www.sk8stuff.com</u> as soon as the schedule is finalized by the Chief Referee. All times are approximate. Please check with Registration for changes and exact times.

PRACTICE ICE: Will be available at various times throughout the competition. Practice ice will be posted and sold online at <u>www.sk8stuff.com</u>. If you wish to order practice ice separate from your online entry a form is at the bottom of this announcement. Practice ice sessions will be 30 minutes long and are \$15/session.

MUSIC: CDs ONLY are acceptable, with one track of music per CD and must be clearly marked. Music must be left at the Registration Desk at time of registration. Competitors must have an extra copy of their music available rink side during competition.

AWARDS: Medals are awarded for $1^{st} - 4^{th}$ place; Ribbons are awarded for $5^{th} - 9^{th}$ place.

FEES: Includes DVD of each event
\$95 First IJS event (Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior; Adult Gold; Adult Masters)
\$50 Each additional IJS event
\$85 First 6.0 event (Limited Beginner – Pre-Juvenile, Showcase, Adult Pre-Bronze – Silver, Dance)
\$45 Each additional 6.0 event
\$50 First Basic Skills 1-8 event
\$25 Second Basic Skills 1-8 event
\$20 Event change fee – after initial registration
\$25 NSF fee will be charged for all returned checks
\$25 Late fee for entries received after 5/18/13
Make Checks Payable to GGRFSC

Online entries are greatly preferred. Fill out entries at <u>www.sk8stuff.com</u>. The voucher needs to be printed and mailed with a check to the address below within 48 hours of online entry.

SEND ENTRY VOUCHER & PAYMENT TO: Vicki Scott, 3215 Michele Lane, Hamilton, MI 49419

TEST SESSION: A test session will be available in conjunction with the competition. Please go to our website for detailed updates as the competition approaches. <u>www.ggrfsc.org</u>

Test Track Events

Skaters may enter EITHER the test track free skate or the well-balanced free skate events but not both during the same non-qualifying competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted. 6.0 judging system will be used for all Test Track events.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- 0.1 from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATION
Limited Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Max 2 jump sequences Max 2 of any same jump	<i>Max 2 spins</i> : Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
Pre-Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: Two spins of a different nature, one position only, no change of foot, not flying entry. (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test
Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: One spin in one position, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min 3 revs) and One consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, exit on spinning foot not mandatory (Min 3 revs on each foot).	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test
Pre-Juvenile Test Time: 2:00 +/-10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 3 revs) and One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional (Min 6 revs combined in forward sit and camel positions). Spins may not fly	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre- juvenile free skate test

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATION
Juvenile Test Time: 2:15 +/-10	Max 5 jump elements: Any single jumps with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted) Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 4 revs in position) and One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions, (Min 4 revs on each foot) Only solo spin may fly	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test
Intermediate Test Time: 2:30 +/-10	Max 6 jump elements: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. Max 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins of a different nature: One must be a flying spin (Min 5 revs), One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 4 revs on each foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test
Novice Test Time: Ladies 3:00 +/-10 Men 3:30+/-10	Max 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 3 spins of a different nature: One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 5 revolutions on each foot). The other spins are the option of the skater (Min 6 revs) All spins may fly	One step or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (see rule 4220 for description).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test
Junior Test Time: Ladies 3:30 +/-10 Men 4:00+/-10	Max 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip. Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 3 spins of a different nature: One must be a spin in one position (6 revs), one a flying spin (6 revs) and one a combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (Minimum 2 continuous revs in each basic position and minimum 5 revs on each foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (See rule 4210 for description)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test
Senior Test Time: Ladies 4:00 +/-10 Men 4:30+/-10	Max 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies Any single jumps. Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. No triple jumps permitted Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 3 spins of a different nature: One must be a spin in one position (min 6 revs), one a flying spin (min 6 revs) and one a spin combination consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (Min 2 continuous revs in each basic position and min 5 revolutions on each foot).	Men: Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. Patterns can be of the same nature. (See rule 4105) Ladies: One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See charts in rule 4200 for description).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test

Well Balanced Free Skating Events

Skaters may 'skate up' one level but may not skate more than one level. Skaters may enter EITHER the test track free skate or the wellbalanced free skate events but not both during the same non-qualifying competition. Times are +/- 10seconds. Program requirements not specified below are defined in the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook rules 4090-4600.

BASIC BEGINNER (1:30)

Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test or its equivalent. May only include half revolution jumps. May include scratch and two-foot spins.

LOW BEGINNER (1:30)

Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus Salchow, toeloops and half-loops (but no other full revolution jumps). May not included flying spins, combination spins or backspins.

HIGH BEGINNER (1:30)

Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus, Salchow, toe-loops, half-loops and loops (but no other full revolution jumps). May not include flying spins

PRE-PRELIMINARY LIMITED (1:30) Rule 4270

Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test and no higher. May NOT include axels, double jumps or flying spins.

PRE-PRELIMINARY (1:30)

Rule 4270

Rule 4260

Rule 4250

Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test and no higher. May include axels. May NOT include double jumps.

PRELIMINARY LIMITED (1:30) Rule 4260

Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test and no higher. May include axels. May NOT include double jumps or flying spins.

PRELIMINARY (1:30)

Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test and no higher.

PRE-JUVENILE (2:00)

Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating test and no higher.

OPEN JUVENILE (IJS)* (2:15) Rule 4240

Must be 14 years old/older as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher.

JUVENILE (IJS)* (2:15)

Rule 4240

Must NOT have reached the age of 14 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher.

INTERMEDIATE (IJS)* (2:30) Rule 4230

Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skating Test and no higher.

NOVICE (IJS)* (3:00 Ladies; 3:30 Men) Rule 4220

Must have passed the Novice Free Skating Test and no higher.

JUNIOR (IJS)* (3:30 Ladies; 4:00 Men) Rule 4210

Must have passed Junior Free Skating Test and no higher.

SENIOR (IJS)* (4:00 Ladies; 4:30 Men) Rule 4200

Must have passed Senior Free Skating Test.

ADULT PRE-BRONZE (1:40)

Passed no higher than the Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skating Test and/or no higher than the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test.

ADULT BRONZE (1:50)

Rule 4590

Rule 4600

Must have passed the Adult Bronze Free Skating Test and/or no higher than the Preliminary Free Skating Test. Skaters may have passed 2^{nd} figure test and no higher before Oct 1, 1977; any figure tests or moves-in-the-field on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1979, except for the 8^{th} figure test; any figure test or moves-in-the-field on or after Oct 1, 1979.

ADULT SILVER (2:10) Rule 4580

Must have passed the Adult Silver Free Skating Test and/or no higher; before Oct 1, 1994, the standard Juvenile Free Skating Test and no

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higher; on or after Oct 1, 1994, the standard Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test than the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher; prior to Oct 1, 1977 the 3rd figure test and no higher figure tests. Skaters may have passed any figure test or moves-in-the field test on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1979, except for the 8th figure test; any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct 1, 1979.

ADULT GOLD (IJS)* (2:40) Rule 4570

Must have passed the Adult Gold Free Skating Test and/or no higher than Juvenile Free Skating Test; prior to Oct 1, 1991 no higher than the standard Intermediate Free Skating Test; on or after Oct 1, 1991 no higher than the standard Juvenile Free Skating Tests; prior to Oct 1, 1977 the 3rd figure test and no higher than the 5th figure tests. Skaters may have passed any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1979 except for the 8th figure test; any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct 1, 1979.

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE (IJS)* (3:10) Rule 4540

Must have passed at least the standard Intermediate Free Skating Test and on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1991 no higher than the standard Junior Free Skating Test; on or after Oct 1, 1991 no higher than the standard Novice Free Skating Test. Prior to Oct 1, 1977 the 3rd figure test; on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1979 the 8th figure test.

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS JUNIOR/SENIOR (IJS)* (3:40) Rule 4510

Must have passed at least the standard Novice Free Skating Test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th Figure Test or, on or after Oct 1, 1977 and prior to Oct 1, 1979 the 8th figure test.

Short Program Events

To be skated with music. All times are maximums. Additional program requirements as defined in the 2013 US Figure Skating Rule book rules 4080-4230. Skaters may 'skate up' one level but may not skate more than one level.

OPEN JUVENILE (IJS)* (2:00)

Jump Combination - two single jumps or one double jump and one single jump

Axel (may not be repeated)

Solo Jump - single jump, double toe-loop or double Salchow (may not be repeated)

Solo Spin – minimum 4 revolutions in position (may not commence with a jump)

Spin Combination – with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (4 revs each foot)

Step Sequence – straight line, circular or serpentine

JUVENILE (IJS)* (2:00)

Jump Combination – one double and one single jump or two double jumps

Axel (may not be repeated)

Solo Jump – double jump preceded by connecting steps and/or other free skating movements (may not be repeated)

Solo Spin – minimum 4 revolutions in position (may not commence with a jump)

Spin Combination – with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (4 revs each foot) Step Sequence – straight line, circular or serpentine

INTERMEDIATE (IJS)* (2:00)

Rule 4230

As stated by the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook, elements to be skated for the 2013-2014 season.

NOVICE (IJS)* (2:30)

Rule 4220

As stated by the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook, elements to be skated for the 2013-2014 season.

JUNIOR (IJS)* (2:50)

Rule 4210

Rule 4200

As stated by the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook, elements to be skated for the 2013-2014 season.

SENIOR (IJS)* (2:50)

As stated by the 2013 US Figure Skating Rulebook, elements to be skated for the 2013-2014 season.

* ALL SKATERS ENTERED IN AN IJS EVENT MUST COMPLETE A PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT SHEET ONLINE FOR EACH IJS EVENT.

Showcase Events

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be a major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce contestant's mark. Theatrical elements evaluated will included energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice. One mark will be given by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used. May use hand-held props or those skater can get on and off ice without assistance.

Skaters placing fourth and higher in Preliminary and higher artistic/showcase solo events, including adult events, may be qualified to enter the next U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase. Please contact Paula Wagener, National Vice Chair for National Showcase, for further information at <u>paulawagener58@gmail.com</u>.

Skaters may 'skate up' one level. Entrants will qualify according to their free skating level. Skaters may enter based on their dance level if higher than their free skating level. The appropriate dance levels are noted below. For National Showcase qualification, skaters must enter by free skate level. Times are maximums. No age limits on the standard Intermediate and above Showcase for this competition. Beginner through Juvenile – under 18.

BEGINNER (1:30): No axels or double jumps

PRE-PRELIMINARY (1:30): No axels or double jumps. Skaters with Preliminary Dances may enter.

PRELIMINARY (1:40): No axels or double jumps. Skaters with Pre-Bronze Dances may enter.

PRE-JUVENILE (1:40): No axels or double jumps. Skaters with Bronze Dances may enter.

JUVENILE (2:10): No double jumps. Skaters with Pre-Silver Dances may enter.

INTERMEDIATE (2:10): No double jumps. Skaters with Pre-Silver Dances may enter.

NOVICE (2:10): No double jumps. Skaters with Silver Dances may enter.

JUNIOR (2:40): Double jumps allowed. Skaters with Pre-Gold Dances may enter.

SENIOR (2:40): Double jumps allowed. Skaters with Gold Dances may enter.

ADULT (1:40): No double jumps allowed. Must be 21 years of age or older

Compulsory Events

Test requirements are the same as listed under Well Balanced Free Skating Events. Men and Ladies events may be combined. All events will be skated on half-ice. No music. Times are maximums. Axels are considered single jumps unless otherwise noted. If a program exceeds the time limit, that portion of the program will not be judged. Elements may be skated in any order. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted.

BASIC BEGINNER (1:00): Bunny hop, 3-turn sequence, Forward or backward crossovers (minimum 4 each foot), Any stop

LOW BEGINNER (1:00): 1/2 revolution jump, Toe-loop, Two-foot spin (minimum 3 revs), Lunge

HIGH BEGINNER (1:00): Waltz jump, Salchow jump, Half-flip or half-lutz jump, Upright scratch spin (forward, minimum 3 revs)

PRE-PRELIMINARY (1:15): Flip jump, Single-single jump combination (no axel), Loop jump, Sit spin (forward, minimum 3 revs), Forward outside edge spiral.

PRELIMINARY (1:30): Single jump (may not be repeated), Single/single jump combination, One-foot back spin (position optional, may not commence with a jump, minimum 3 revs), Edge spiral, spread eagle or Ina Bauer, Step Sequence

PRE-JUVENILE (1:30): Single or double jump (may not be repeated), Single/single jump combination (must include loop), Combination spin with one change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revs each foot), Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revs), Step sequence

Spin Only Events

Test requirements are the same as listed under Well Balanced Free Skating Events. Men and Ladies events may be combined. Skaters have 1 and ½ minutes maximum to complete the elements. Field moves and connecting steps between elements are allowed. All events will be skated on half-ice. No music. Spins may be skated in any order. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted and numbers cited are minimum revolutions.

PRE-PRELIMINARY: One-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs); two-foot spin (3 revs); forward sit spin (3 revs)

PRELIMINARY: Scratch spin (5 revs); forward sit spin (3 revs); camel spin (3 revs)

PRE-JUVENILE: Camel spin (4 revs); forward sit to back sit spin (4 revs each foot); front to back scratch spin (4 revs each foot)

- **JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE:** Spin combination with one change of position and one change of foot (4 revs each foot); flying camel spin (5 revs); forward sit to back sit spin (5 revs each foot)
- **INTERMEDIATE:** Spin combination with one change of foot and two changes of position (5 revs each foot); camel spin to back camel spin (4 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-5 revs) or camel spin (men-5 revs)
- **NOVICE:** Flying camel (6 revs); spin combination with one change of foot and two changes of position (15 revs total); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)
- **JUNIOR:** Flying sit spin; spin combination with three changes of position and one change of foot (5 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)
- **SENIOR:** Flying spin of choice (6 revs); spin combination with at least two changes of position and two changes of foot (15 revs total); solo spin of skater's choice (8 revs)

Jump Only Events

Test requirements are the same as listed under Well Balanced Free Skating Events. Men and Ladies events may be combined. Jumps must be skated in order. The skater will perform two attempts of the first jump and then will perform two attempts of the second jump. The best jump of each will be judged. Jumps will be performed on half ice. Intermediate and up: skater may use whole ice for approach, but jump needs to be in designated end. Skater may not change the jump chosen after the first attempt.

PRE-PRELIMINARY: Lutz jump, Waltz/loop combination

PRELIMINARY: Single/single combination (no axel), Axel

PRE-JUVENILE - Axel; combination of any double jump with a single toe-loop

JUVENILE - Axel; combination of any double jump with a single or double loop jump; any three jump combination

OPEN JUVENILE - Axel; combination of any double jump with a single loop jump; any three jump combination

INTERMEDIATE - Axel; double flip; any three jump combination

NOVICE - Double loop; double lutz; any three jump combination

JUNIOR - Double axel; any double or triple jump out of footwork; any three jump combination

SENIOR - Double or triple axel; any double, triple or quad out of footwork; any three jump combination



2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The Grand Rapids Open is a participating competition within the 2013 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and solo short dance events are being offered as part of the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479. Please refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

2013 SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS BEING OFFERED: solo pattern dance event, combined event and solo short dance events

<u>Solo Pattern Dance Event</u>: The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold and Gold levels. The Referee will pick two dances at random

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold
	1. Dutch	1. Cha-Cha	1. Hickory	1. Fourteenstep	1.American	1. Paso Doble	1.Westminster
ā	Waltz		Hoedown		Waltz		Waltz
level		2. Fiesta Tango		2.European		2. Starlight	
	2. Canasta		2. Ten Fox	Waltz	2. Silver Tango	Waltz	2. Quickstep
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Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <u>http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479</u> for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details.

<u>Combined Event</u>: The combined dance event is comprised of the following:

- 1. Two solo pattern dances (selected by U.S. Figure Skating and listed below)
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Ten Fox and Fourteenstep Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Tango and American Waltz Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: Paso Doble and Starlight Waltz Pattern Dance Selection for Junior: Blues and Quickstep Pattern Dance Selection for Senior: Silver Samba and Yankee Polka
- 2. A solo free dance

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels. Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <u>http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479</u> for the combined event rules and details.

<u>Solo Short Dance</u>: The Solo Short Dance event is a trial event in the 2013 Series. It is offered only for the junior and senior levels and will not accrue points this season in the Series. Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479 for the solo short dance rules and event details.



Basic Skills Events

Eligibility: The Competition is open to ALL skaters who are currently eligible (ER.1.00) members of either the Basic Skills Program and/or are full members of US Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with a Basic Skills Program/Club. Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries. All SHOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official US Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.

BASIC ELEMENTS: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. To be skated on ½ ice. No Music. Time 1:00 or less. All elements will be skated in the order listed below.

 Snowplow Sam 1-3: March followed by a two foot glide and dip Forward two foot swizzles 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 	 Basic 5: Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive - both directions Basic one foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum three revolutions Side toe hop -either direction
Basic 1: 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6-8 in a row	 5. Hockey stop Basic 6: Standstill forward inside three-turn - R & L Bunny Hop
 Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 	 Builty Hop Forward spiral on a straight line - R or L Lunge - R or L T-stop - R or L
 Basic 2: 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line 2-3 each foot 3. Moving snowplow stop 4. Two foot turn in place- forward to backward 5. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 	 Basic 7: Standstill forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R Ballet Jump - either direction Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise Forward inside pivot
 Basic 3: 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4-6 consecutive 3. Forward slalom 4. Backward one foot glide - either foot 5. Two foot spin – minimum three revolutions 	 Basic 8: Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns R & L Waltz jump Mazurka - either direction 1 Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise – two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge Beginning one-foot upright spin – free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position -minimum three revolutions
 Basic 4: Standstill forward outside three-turn - R & L Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both directions Backward stroking - 4-6 strokes Backward snowplow stop - R or L 	

BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified. Vocal music is allowed. To be skated on full ice. The skater may use elements from a previous level. A 0.2 deduction will be taken <u>for each</u> element performed from a higher level. Time 1:00 +/- 10 seconds.

 Snowplow Sam 1-3: 1. March followed by a two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 2-3-in a row 3. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop 	 Basic 5: 1. Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive in both directions 2. Basic one-foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - min 3 revs 3. Side toe hop -either direction 4. Hockey stop
 Basic 1: 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6 -8 in a row 3. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop 	 Basic 6: 1. Standstill forward inside three-turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L
 Basic 2: 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Two foot turn in place- forward to backward 3. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 4. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line – 2-3 each foot 5. Moving snowplow stop 	 Basic 7: 1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump- either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
 Basic 3: Forward stroking Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4-6 consecutive Backward one foot glide – either foot Forward slalom Two foot spin – minimum three revolutions 	 Basic 8: 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka in either direction 4. 1 Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise - two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position -minimum three revolutions
 Basic 4 Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both directions Standstill forward outside three- turn - R & L Backward stroking - 4-6 strokes Backward snowplow stop - R or L 	

Entry Form 2013 Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition

PLEASE PRINT! Forms must be completely filled in before it can be processed. E-MAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED

Read carefully, talk to your coach, if you enter the wrong event and need to change it for any reason, you will be assessed a \$20 change fee.

First Name:		Last	Name:				USFSA	A #:
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High Beginner Free Skating Compulsory	Low Beginner Free Skating Compulsory	•	Basic Begi	kating		Beginner Test Track Showcase		Limited Beginner Test Track Showcase
Basic Skills Element (no music Snowplow Sam (Tots) Basic Skills 1 Basic Skills 2 Basic Skills 3 Basic Skills 4 Basic Skills 5 Basic Skills 6 Basic Skills 7 Basic Skills 8	Sn Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba	Skills Progra owplow San asic Skills 1 asic Skills 2 asic Skills 3 asic Skills 4 asic Skills 5 asic Skills 6 asic Skills 7 asic Skills 8				Solo Pattern Dance Preliminary Pre-Bronze Bronze Pre-Silver Silver Pre-Gold Gold		Solo Combined Dance Juvenile Intermediate Junior Senior Short Dance Junior Senior

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MAIL TO: Vicki Scott, 3215 Michele Lane, Hamilton, MI 49419

Certificate of Competitor by Club Officer

I hereby approve the entry of ______ (the competitor) into the 2013 Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition. I further certify that he/she is a full member in good standing of our club, is an eligible skater as defined in the official Rules of US Figure Skating and has passed the appropriate tests to skate the events entered. If you are an individual member, you will certify your own form.

Club Officer Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

Certification by Athlete and Parent/Guardian and Authorization for Medical Treatment

Athlete: I agree to conduct myself, both on and off the ice, in a manner that will reflect favorable upon this competition and upon the sport of figure skating, and that is consistent with the high standards of the sport. I agree to respect the person and property of others, and in the event I cause injury, damage, or loss to another or to the property of another, I hereby indemnify US Figure Skating, the local Competition Committee, the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club, and their officers, directors, members, committees, representatives, employees and agents, and agree to hold them harmless against any and all claims that another person may have or which may arise out of such injury, damage or loss, together with any reasonable costs and attorney's fees that may be incurred as results of any such claims, whether valid or not.

Athlete/Parent/Guardian: I understand that US Figure Skating and the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club or organizers of this competition undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries, or loss of property suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, US Figure Skating, organizers of the competition, the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club and its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

In the event (I) (parent if athlete is under 18 years of age) or (my son/daughter) am unavailable, I hereby give permission for any emergency medical treatment and further authorize and consent to the release of any pertinent medical information and records regarding the treatment, diagnosis, and/or examination of (myself)/(my son/daughter) to the medical committee of the competition for which I am entered by the physician representative of the medical committee of the sanctioned competition in which (I) (my son/daughter is entered.

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Athlete's	Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if Athlete is under age 18)

Date

Coach's Certification

Coach's Name:	Registered Coach of USFSA: Ves No	USFSA #:
Signature:	Email:	
Phone:		

Check List:

Entry Form/Voucher from www.sk8stuff.com
Check Payable to GGRFSC
Certificate of Competitor Form
PPCS, submitted online <u>www.usfsaonline.org</u> for EACH IJS event
Signed Meijer State Games of Michigan Release of Liability
Grand Rapids Open Competition Wear Form

Program Personal Ad Order Form

Fees:

\$95 First IJS event
\$50 Each additional IJS event
\$85 First 6.0 event
\$45 Each additional 6.0 event
\$50 First Basic Skills 1-8 event
\$25 Second Basic Skills 1-8 event
\$25 Late fee for entries received after 5/18/13

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Meijer State Games of Michigan

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of my participation (or the participation of the minor identified herein) in the Meijer State Games of Michigan (the "Event"), I agree to the following Release of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue (the "Release"):

1. Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks. I understand that participating in the Event is potentially dangerous and it involves significant risks of personal injury, death, and property damage. I understand that some risks are foreseeable, including but not limited to risks associated with the following, and other risks are unforeseeable: (i) strenuous physical activity; (ii) the weather, including snow, ice, rain, wet, icy and/or muddy conditions, and heat and/or humidity; (iii) the design, construction, maintenance, or condition of the premises used for the Event ("Venue"); and (iv) the negligent or wanton acts of West Michigan Sports Commission (the "Organizer") or any Event sponsors, volunteers, officials, referees or participants. I hereby assume and accept responsibility for all risks of personal injury, death, and property damage which might be associated with my participation in the Event whether known or unknown and whether attributable to my actions or inactions or the actions or inactions (including negligence) of anyone else.

2. Release of Liability and Covenant not to Sue. I hereby release and discharge the Organizer, Event sponsors, owners and lessees of any Venue that is part of the Event, and all of their respective directors, officers, shareholders, members, volunteers, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any responsibility, liability, claims, damages, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees), and from any causes of action either known or unknown, relating to or arising out of my participation in the Event (collectively, "Liabilities and Claims"). Further, I hereby covenant not to sue or assert any claim against the Released Parties relating to or arising out of my participation in the Event.

3. Indemnity. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any Liability and Claims attributable to personal injury or death, or to damage or destruction of property relating to or arising out of my participation in the Event. If I am signing this Release on behalf of a minor, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any Liabilities and Claims attributable to personal injury or death, or to damage or destruction of property relating to or arising out of the participation in the Event by such minor, including any claims made by or on behalf of such minor.

4. Representations. I represent that: (i) I am 18 years old or older; (ii) I know of no reason, medical or otherwise, which would prevent me from participating in the Event; and (iii) I understand and agree that this Release is binding upon me, and my heirs and assigns; and (iv) if I am signing this Release on behalf of a minor, I represent that I have full legal authority to do so and realize the binding effect of this Release on them, as well as on myself.

5. Consent to Medical Treatment. If I, or the minor on whose behalf I am signing this Release, is injured or becomes ill, I consent to and authorize the provision of emergency first aid or medical treatment.

6. Photo/Video Release. I grant permission to the Organizer to take (or cause others to take) photographs and videos of me during the Event, and to use the same for any purpose including but not limited to promoting, advertising and marketing. I acknowledge and agree that any such photographs and videos shall be the sole property of the Organizer and its assigns.

7. Execution by Parent/Guardian. If I am signing this Release on behalf of a minor, the pronouns "me" and "my" when used in reference to participation in the Event shall refer to the minor (e.g., my participation shall mean the minor's participation).

8. Governing Law. This Release shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan. Any action arising out of the Event or this Release shall be litigated in either a state court located in Kent County, Michigan or the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF RELEASED PARTIES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Print Name of Participant	Age of Participant	
Signature	Date:	, 201
If Participo	ant Is Under 18 Years Old:	
Print Name of Parent or Guardian		
Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date:	, 201

Program Personal Ad Order Form

What better way to thank your coach or wish your favorite skater good luck?!	Place a personal ad in this year's competition program.
Maximum 3 lines - \$10 each Ad or 3 Ads for \$25	

Tell us what you want to say:

1	 -
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1 Ad for \$10.00	
3 Ads for \$25.00	
Personal Ad(s):	
Total:	\$



The following competition wear is available for pre-order. Please complete the form and payment and return with your registration. You may write one check payable to GGRFSC. Orders will be available for pick up at registration at the start of the competition

Competitor Name:_____

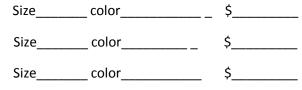
Grand Rapids Open Short sleeved T- shirts



Short sleeved T-shirts in sapphire (blue), daisy (yellow) and navy with 15th anniversary GRO design in white on the front and list of competitor names on the back.

\$12

Sizes: Youth small (YS), Youth Medium (YM), Youth Large (YL), Adult Small (AS), Adult Medium (AM), Adult Large (AL), Adult XL,



Grand Rapids Open Sweatshirt



Sweatshirt will be Navy with 15th anniversary GRO design on the front and competitor names on the back.

\$25.00

Sizes: Youth Medium (YM), Youth Large (YL), Adult Small (AS), Adult Medium (AM), Adult Large (AL), Adult XL,

Size: ______ \$_____

Size: _____ \$_____

Grand Total competition wear

\$_____

Checks Made Payable to GGRFSC and included with your registration

2013 Greater Grand Rapids Open Competition Practice Ice Information

Practice ice for the Greater Grand Rapids Open may be reserved online or may be purchased at the Practice Ice desk during the competition. If you pre-pay for sessions and fail to reserve them online, your pre-payment may be applied to sessions purchased at the Practice Ice desk during the competition.

If you did not reserve your sessions at the time of registration and would still like to reserve them online, please fill out this form and indicate the number of sessions you desire. Mail the form, along with your payment, to the address shown below.

To reserve your sessions online, you will need to go to our event page at <u>http://www.sk8stuff.com/</u>. From there you will be able to request your pin number which will allow you to login and reserve your pre-paid sessions. Be sure to read the Practice Ice info provided on the website carefully for help understanding the online reservation/PIN process.

All sessions are 30 minutes long and the cost per session is \$15.00. There is no refund for prepaid sessions, even if not used.

Sessions will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sessions will be designated by level and discipline (Beginner, Juvenile, etc.). You may only reserve sessions appropriate to your entry. This will not be verified at the time of the reservation however, if you are found to be practicing on an inappropriate session, the monitor may remove you from the session without refund.

Checks should be made payable to: GGRFSC. Do not share your PIN with anyone (neither GGRFSC volunteers nor sk8stuff.com are responsible for reservation changes made online by "authenticated users"). Practice ice payments are not refundable.

Questions? Contact Renee Peirce at 616.682.4525 or rgpeirce@comcast.net. Please return this form, with payment to:

Renee Peirce 1161 Spice Bush Dr. SE Ada, MI 49301

Skater's name:		
Number of Sessions desired:	X \$15.00 =	
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Email Address:		
Contact Phone:		
(GRO admin. use only) PIN		
Check #		

RETURN THIS SHEET WITH PAYMENT TO:

Renee Peirce, 1161 Spice Bush Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301 Make check payable to GGRFSC



Please make your reservations by calling the hotel directly and booking your room under GR OPEN 2013 SKATERS or via the link below:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/G/GRRHIHF-GRSKA-20130620/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

PATTERSON ICE CENTER IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HILTON GRAND RAPIDS AIRPORT



From the North (Traverse City, Hwy 131) Travel Hwy 131 South to I-96 East

Take I-96 East to Exit 43A, You can only go right at the exit light Go to the third light (Patterson and 28th Street) The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport sits on the Northwest corner

From the South (Kalamazoo)

Take Hwy 131 North to Hwy M-6 East (towards Lansing) From M-6 take Exit 15 (M-37 to Grand Rapids / Hastings) Take a left onto M-37 Approximately 1/8th of mile, take a right onto Patterson Follow Patterson to 28th Street. (Approximately 4 miles) The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport sits on the Northwest corner

From the East (Lansing, Detroit)

Take I-96 West to Exit 43A; You can only go right off the exit Go to the third light (Patterson and 28th Street) The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport sits on the Northwest corner

From the West (Chicago)

Take I-94 East to I-196 East Take I-196 East to Hwy M-6 East towards Lansing From M-6 take Exit 15 (M-37 to Grand Rapids / Hastings) Take a left onto M37 Approximately 1/8th of mile, take a right onto Patterson Follow Patterson to 28th Street. (Approximately 4 miles) The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport sits on the Northwest corner

From the West (Muskegon, Grand Haven, I-96)

Travel I-96 East to Exit 43A You can only go right at the exit light Go to the third light (Patterson and 28th Street) The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport sits on the Northwest corner